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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- U.S. CHINA POLICY REAPPEARED IN NEWS THIS WEEK. REPORTS BY WASHINGTON-BASED ROC REPORTERS ON CHINA PORTIONS OF SECRETARY VANCE'S USN&WR INTERVIEW, BRZEZINSKI'S TRILATERAL COMMISSION SPEECH AND VANCE'S NOVEMBER 2 NEWS CONFERENCE ALL PROMINENTLY PLAYED BY MAJOR PAPERS. REPORTING GAVE STRAIGHT COVERAGE OF U.S. OFFICIALS' REMARKS ON CHINA. WHILE NO PAPER HAS COMMENTED EDITORIALY TO DATE, GAP WAS FILLED BY THINK PIECE TITLED "U.S. PENDULUM SWINGS BACK TO ROC" THAT RAN TODAY IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA POST (30,000)
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WRITTEN BY CNA STAFF WRITER AND EDITOR OF OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO; 400,000) OVERSEAS EDITION, P. P. TANG. ARTICLE, WHICH HAS NOT APPEARED YET IN VERNACULAR PRESS, CONTRASTED PRE-PEKING VISIT PERIOD WITH PRESENT, STRESSING VANCE'S ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH, SENATOR KENNEDY'S BOSTON ADDRESS, ANNOUNCEMENT OF WOLFF SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS AND DEPARTURE AMBASSADOR UNGER ON HOME LEAVE AS EVIDENCE OF

DETERIORATING U.S.-ROC RELATIONS IN PRE-VISIT PERIOD. "THESE WERE COLDEST DAYS TAIPEI HAS EVER EXPERIENCED IN ITS U.S. RELATIONSHIP," ARTICLE STATED. "VANCE MISSION WAS CLEARLY INTENDED TO PUSH FORWARD NORMALIZATION TO CONCLUSION GRAVELY DAMAGING TO REPUBLIC OF CHINA." HOWEVER, "SOMEHOW THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY." TENG HSIAO-PING'S CRITICAL REMARKS, VANCE'S EMPHASIS ON EXPLORATORY NATURE OF TALKS, HIS MEETING WITH ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNGER'S RETURN REVISED FIRST PESSIMISTIC IMPRESSION, ARTICLE SAID. THIS FOLLOWED BY VISIT ROC CHINA DESK OFFICER FELDMAN WHO, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, ADMITTED MANY POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN PRC AND U.S. AND ADDED THERE WAS DOUBT WHETHER NORMALIZATION COULD EVER BE COMPLETED. "AS SEEN FROM TAIPEI, NORMALIZATION IS IN DEEP FREEZE FOR PRESENT. PEOPLE HAVE BEGUN TO RELAX, ALTHOUGH NOT WITHOUT APPREHENSION THAT IT COULD ALL HAPPEN AGAIN," ARTICLE SAID. (FULL TEXT ARTICLE SENT VIA SEPTTEL.)

-- ADDITIONAL FACTORS RECEIVING WIDE PLAY IN THE NEWS WERE: REPORT BY UNITED DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT THAT RECENT HARRIS POLL SHOWS 57 PERCENT OF AMERICAN PEOPLE POLLED APPROVED OF U.S. MAINTAINING MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH ROC AND 62 PERCENT FAVORED CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS; AND 250-MEMBER "FRIENDSHIP FORCE" FROM U.S. WOULD VISIT ROC IN MAY 1978. EDITORIALY, YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY (CHIN NIEN CHAN SHIH PAO; 100,000) SAID HARRIS POLL INDICATES "MOST AMERICANS UNCLASSIFIED

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FAVOR U.S. RELATIONS WITH ROC. THIS SHOWS THAT POWER OF JUSTICE IN U.S. IS DEVELOPING AND BECOMING STRONGER."

-- OCTOBER ISSUE OF LEADING INTELLECTUAL JOURNAL "MAN & SOCIETY" ARTICLE DISCUSSED SHORTCOMINGS OF TAIWAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS: "REGRETTABLY, OUR PUBLIC MEDIA HAVE ATTAINED VERY LARGE SCALE AND HAVE CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL ASSETS, OUR ADMINISTRATION MAKES EVERY EFFORT AND ITS CAPABILITIES ARE PRAISED BY THE PEOPLE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION IS STILL IN A DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE--ESPECIALLY IN THE SUPPLY OF NEWS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS." ARTICLE NOTES THOSE DESIRING NEWS ABOUT FOREIGN AFFAIRS TEND RELY ON FOREIGN NEWS MAGAZINES, SUCH AS TIME, IMPLYING LOCAL MEDIA NOT RELIABLE. CITES TWO EXAMPLES, ONE OF WHICH WAS VANCE'S JUNE SPEECH TO ASIA SOCIETY. "VANCE'S SPEECH WAS VERY UNFAVORABLE TO US, AND THE REACTION HERE WAS QUICK AND INTENSE, ...BUT PEOPLE HERE DID NOT SEE ENTIRE TEXT. ...THOSE WITH CONNECTIONS COULD FIND SOME MATERIAL, OR ELSE SOUGHT IT AT USIS." USIS TAIWAN DISTRIBUTED THE VANCE SPEECH IN BILINGUAL VERSION TO KEY AUDIENCE MEMBERS, AND PLACED TEXTS ON FILE IN USIS LIBRARIES.

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2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- AMERICAN SPECIALIST DAVIS BOBROW, SPEAKING ON PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SUPPORTED POST CP OBJECTIVE I BY RELATING THEORY AND METHOD TO CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THROUGH ABLE HANDLING QUESTIONS ON U.S.-ASIA RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY NORMALIZATION WITH PRC AND FUTURE U.S.-SOVIET-PRC RELATIONS. IN TAIPEI BOBROW DISCUSSED "NEW APPROACHES TO PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS" WITH 30 MEMBERS CHINA PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATION, WHICH INCLUDE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LEADING PROFESSORS IN FIELDS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. FOCUS OF BOBROW'S PRESENTATION SHIFTED MORE DIRECTLY TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANALYSIS IN LECTURE THIS TOPIC FOR 60 GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DIPLOMACY AT

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NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY. IN TAICHUNG BOBROW DISCUSSED HIS "INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANALYSIS FOR THE COMING DECADE" AT USIS SEMINAR FOR NINE GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS.

-- SANDRA JOHNSON, AMERICAN FOLKSINGER, PERFORMED FOR 1,000 PERSONS IN TAIPEI MUNICIPAL HALL UNDER USIS CO-SPONSORSHIP NOVEMBER 2. SONGS INCLUDED TRADITIONAL BALLADS, SPIRITUALS, BLUES, AND MODERN. SOCIAL BACKGROUND EACH SONG DESCRIBED. PERFORMANCE LATER BROADCAST ON LOCAL RADIO STATION. JOHNSON TO GIVE PERFORMANCES IN TAINAN AND KAOHSIUNG LATER THIS WEEK.
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